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**Applicant:** DesGroseillers *et al.*  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Official Action mailed on November 5, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on May 5, 2004, with a three-month (3) extension of time. The Applicants submit concurrently a Petition for Extension of Time for three months, to and including May 5, 2004, accompanied by the required fee.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.